

MYSTERY GROWS OVER ARREST OF SYRACUSE NURSE

Mrs. Alice T. Lattimer Held on 'Blind' Warrant Said to Be Illegal.

CHARGES NOT FILED

Grand Jury Investigation Sought to Unravel Family Squabble.

PROPERTY IS INVOLVED

Allegations of Strapping Patient to Bed Heard in Crawford Charges.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Syracuse, March 1.—The mystery of the arrest of Mrs. Alice T. Lattimer, a registered nurse, who is being detained at Police Headquarters here while an investigation is being made into the alleged mistreatment of her cousin and patient, Mrs. Ruth Crawford, deepened today when Detective Thomas J. Lynch admitted that he took Mrs. Lattimer into custody in New York State night on a "blind warrant," and that at the time, as now, there was no charge whatever against her.

Investigation by THE NEW YORK HERALD in New York to-night showed that Mrs. Lattimer was booked at the Charles street police station as having been arrested on a warrant charging her with grand larceny and signed by "Justice of the Peace Bersons." As a matter of fact there is no such justice in this city, and the warrant used by Detective Lynch was not legal in any sense of the word. District Attorney Malpass said today that there has been no charge of any sort brought against Mrs. Lattimer, although she is still detained at Headquarters. The District Attorney would not say whether she would be arraigned or released, but he talked for more than an hour to-night with Chief of Police Cadin, but neither would make any statement regarding the case.

Exonerated Looked For.

The District Attorney, however, still intends to bring the matter before the Grand Jury and will summon Mrs. Lattimer every person who had anything to do with the original accusations against Mrs. Lattimer. The consensus here is that the Grand Jury will exonerate Mrs. Lattimer largely in view of the fact that it has developed that there is no basis for the accusation that she attempted to poison Mrs. Crawford. The analysis of the bottle of medicine left with the assistant nurses by Mrs. Lattimer when she went to Florida showed it to contain chloral hydrate, a common narcotic much used by physicians as a sedative, but not in sufficient quantity to cause permanent injury to Mrs. Crawford.

The authorities admit that the most damaging bit of evidence they have against her is a letter which she wrote to Mrs. Luella Shoemaker, who was left in charge of the patient and which has been construed as an injunction to do anything that might prolong Mrs. Crawford's life. But the adherents of Mrs. Lattimer take the position that this letter was the work of a woman who was worn out physically and mentally from her task of attending the sick woman for several years almost constantly.

Mrs. Lattimer's friends also point to the fact that Mrs. Crawford failed to complain that she was being strangled to her bed and poisoned when Judge William B. Farmer held court at her bedside recently in the suit brought by Dr. William D. Towse for his services. They declare that this was an excellent opportunity for Mrs. Crawford to make a complaint had there been anything seriously wrong in Mrs. Lattimer's treatment of her. That, however, together with the question of the transfer of certain property by Mrs. Crawford to Mrs. Lattimer, probably will be threshed out at the Grand Jury hearing on Thursday.

Statement by Counsel.

Mrs. Lattimer's attorney, Edwin G. Nichols, told a NEW YORK HERALD reporter today that his client is guilty of no wrong, but that she has been the victim of designing persons. A full inquiry, he said, would exonerate her completely. So confident are both he and Mrs. Lattimer of her vindication that they are making no effort to obtain her release or to compel her arraignment in court, as might be done under the statute which requires the arraignment of a prisoner within forty-eight hours after arrest.

"Upon investigation and reflection," said Mr. Nichols, "it is becoming more and more evident to everybody that this is a family squabble, brought about by meddlesome busybodies, who, in the past, have had designs upon Mrs. Crawford's dwindling estate."

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STYLE DOOMS SUSPENDERS; HIP POCKETS OBEY DRY LAW

Custom Cutters' Manikins Parade at Banquet in Link, Limousine and Business Attire, But as All Is of Fair Sex It Seems More or Less Dismal.

Suspenders are doomed. If you're one of those who still cling to gaiters and feel uncomfortable unless a pair of firm men's trousers, prepare to shed them now, because the New York Custom Cutters Club, which makes men what they are today, has decreed that there shall be no suspenders on this year's suits.

Dress clothes are the only exception. Beau Brummell insists that dress trousers haven't just the proper hang unless worn with suspenders, and that's that. But for business wear—if one is going to stick to "ten one's wife will have to sew on the buttons."

The custom cutters held their annual dinner in the Commodore Hotel last night and followed it with a parade of manikins before the diners, showing what's what this year in the limousine and on the links and elsewhere. But the parade of the wife of a very dismal affair. It lacked the something or other that gives zest to the demon-

strations of the manikins who show what's what in tea gowns and evening frocks.

There was absolutely nothing the matter with the clothes, but as demonstrators of them men simply don't qualify. The manikins looked about as easy and natural as a man does when he stands up on a tailor's bench to have his measurements taken.

The all white dinner coat is the chief innovation announced by the custom cutters. It is to be worn with a white waistcoat and the not simply in the summer, but at all seasons. Nothing compulsory about it, but just as one wishes.

Speaking of trick styles, there will be suits with buttons on the coat that unbutton, so that one can roll up his coat sleeves, if that's any inducement. The pinback is banished—the new coats are loose. And there's a Harding golf suit.

It couldn't be explained at the cutters' why hip pockets this year are to be cut shallower and narrower. But they are.

ALL PARIS AGITATED BY TRUNK MYSTERY

Accused Novelist Hints Husband Engaged in Espionage Work for Teutons.

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A new angle has developed in the Bessarabo trunk mystery involving Mme. Bessarabo, a leader in Parisian literary circles and the author of several passionate novels and poems, who is accused of having killed her husband and despatching the body in a trunk to Nancy. While not specifically denying either guilt or complicity in the crime, the woman has created an atmosphere of doubt by veiled suggestions that the crime may have been committed by a third person actuated by a spirit of revenge. But when this was refuted last week before Judge Bonh, the criminal investigator, it was merely taken as an effort by the woman to shield her daughter, who is accused of helping to conceal the crime.

Mme. Bessarabo's appearance before the court yesterday further mystified the prosecutors, however, the woman insisting that her life with Bessarabo was marked by constant struggles because he was engaged in what she believed to be extensive espionage work for either the German or Austrian Government. The woman contends she discovered the plans of giant airships which were destined to destroy some island, and therefore could not have been directed against Germany. Moreover, Bessarabo, she says, was educated in Vienna and spoke German better than French, which made her believe he had served as an enemy spy in France, but instead of denouncing him during the war she persuaded him finally to destroy incriminating documents.

On the day that Bessarabo met his death she insists that he helped him construct an airplane plane into a trunk and that together they accompanied it to the station on the Nancy. But at the last moment they discovered that the keys were missing and Bessarabo returned home with the trunk to rebind it in an effort to insure greater secrecy. An hour later she says the trunk was returned to the station platform. As was revealed the next day it contained Bessarabo's body. There was no trace of the espionage proofs to which Mme. Bessarabo refers and which the police have been unable to find.

Further complicating the case is the suggestion of Mme. Bessarabo that her husband had experienced difficulty, not only in business affairs where thousands of dollars were due him for the construction of warehouses at Boulogne early last year, but also with several mistresses. A letter of one of these which was intercepted contained a threat of revenge if the horrible situation was not ameliorated immediately. Mme. Bessarabo's husband really was named Weissmann. He was a Rumanian Jew, who had dealt extensively in oil stocks in Mexico, where the novelist met him after the death of her first husband, Jacques, under suspicious circumstances.

The Paris social world, which is following the case keenly, is divided into two distinct factions, pro and anti-Bessarabists, but all concede that the woman's presentation of the case with the mystifying details, all of which can either be proved or disproved, has been managed with such dramatic effect that there is serious doubt whether a jury will be found that will render a verdict of guilty.

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DIVORCEE KILLS HER ADMIRER IN FIGHT

Ex-Wife of Ralph Orthwein of St. Louis Shoots H. P. Ziegler Twice in Chicago.

INSULTED HER PUBLICLY

Widow of Slain Goodyear Manager Says She Warned Him of Primrose Path.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Chicago, March 1.—Coroner Peter M. Hoffman opened an inquest today into the death of Herbert P. Ziegler, district manager for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Ziegler, aged 35 and the father of a pretty sixteen-year-old daughter, came to his death at 4:30 o'clock this morning in the apartment of Cora Isabelle Orthwein, divorced wife of Ralph Orthwein, wealthy St. Louis oil man and one-time president of the American League baseball club of that city.

The tragedy followed a quarrel in the Green Mill Garden in which Ziegler had thrown a bottle at Mrs. Orthwein when they were sitting at a table with D. O. Parsons, a Board of Trade broker. Ziegler was shot twice. One bullet cut through his throat. The second entered his chest not far from his heart.

Mrs. Orthwein was divorced five years ago. She said she settled with a lump sum of \$350,000 alimony, which she used to support herself and furnish a luxurious home in an aristocratic section of Chicago.

Mrs. Orthwein sobbed out her incoherent story to the police early this morning and retold it at the inquest later.

"He was a beast," she said. "I gave him all I had. Then he sought to cast me aside. Five years ago I gave up my husband for him. Ziegler would have killed me if I hadn't killed him. I had to shoot to save myself."

"Last night I kept an appointment with Mr. Parsons. We met Ziegler at the Green Mill Garden. We had some drinks. Suddenly Ziegler began to abuse me like a dog and I left him. I hurried to my apartment. Oh, yes, I had been drinking considerably."

"I had heard that Herbert was at the Rainbow Garden with another girl. I acted as though I did not care and continued to drink. Then Herbert came in and almost fell at our table. He was drunk and alone. He hurled a bottle at me, and I got up and, with a Mr. Flannigan, hurried out of the place. Mr. Flannigan drove me home. Then he left and I prepared for bed with the thought that I would be home by midnight."

"After I got home Ziegler called me on the telephone. He was more drunk than before. I told the telephone operator not to ring my telephone any more. He called me no longer than fifteen minutes each time. She also was asked about the petunias that it is alleged Steichen designed to be embroidered on her chemise. She replied he had designed the flowers to embroider on two robes.

Mrs. Beckett did not deny she had posed for Steichen, but said she was always properly dressed. She said also she spent much more time with Mrs. Steichen when she was visiting them, than with Steichen.

During his testimony Mrs. Steichen mentioned the name of Isadora Duncan, the dancer, several times. She testified that she had asked her husband, "Why join the headline of Isadora Duncan," because she did not want him to associate with the dancer.

The case will be continued today.

SHOOTS UP CAMP DIX BARRACKS, ENDS LIFE

Soldier, Crazy by Girl's Death, Wounds Two.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, CAMP DIX, N. J., March 1.—Crazed, it is believed, by news of the death of his sweetheart in Michigan, private James J. Harrington, 27, of Detroit, shot up the barracks of L. Company, Twenty-eighth Infantry, today, wounding two soldiers and killed himself.

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BAKER AND BURLISON CAN SAFELY SHIP RUM

Retiring Cabinet Members Assured of Legality.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Washington, D. C., March 1, 1921.

Retiring Cabinet officers, members of the House and Senate and other lesser officials leaving Washington after March 4 can carry their stocks of liquor with them or have it shipped back home without fear of violation of the Volstead act or the Reed law.

Assurances to this effect have been given to Secretaries Baker and Burlison, who wanted to be sure they would not violate Federal or State laws in moving their booze.

FALL WOULD HAVE U. S. HELP MEXICO

Favors Settlement of Claims and Execution of Treaty With Recognition.

An indication of the Mexican policy of the incoming Administration is given in a letter to the National Association for the Protection of American Rights in Mexico from Senator Albert B. Fall of New Mexico, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and designated as the next Secretary of the Interior.

During the first days of October, 1920, Senator Fall wrote, "I had a conference with Ferdinand Iglesias Calderon. During this conference, which was held at the residence of the Senator, he made the suggestions made by the Senate Sub-Committee on Mexican Affairs to the Senate, under the instructions contained in the resolutions appointing the committee."

Senator Fall stated that on October 7 he wrote a letter to a representative of Obregon here, a duplicate being sent to the Department of State. In this letter Senator Fall said:

"Now, what are the facts with relation to suggestions of the Senate committee concerning the settlement of all matters with Mexico, prior to the recognition of a government there?"

"First—That an agreement should be reached for the appointment of a commission to ascertain the damage, if any, done to Americans and American property in Mexico, and, reciprocally, the damage to Mexicans in the United States."

"Second—The appointment of another, or the same, commission to settle any disputes as to boundary and matters of like character between the two countries, and with particular reference to the 'Chamizal Zone,' at El Paso, Texas, and the Colorado River irrigation systems."

"Third—That article 27, or any decree or law issued or enacted thereunder, should not apply to deprive American citizens of their property rights theretofore legally acquired; that clause with reference to the teaching schools by ministers of the gospel, to the preaching of Christianity by Americans, and the clause should not be enforced against American citizens."

"Fourth—Agreements for the protection of American citizens and their property rights in Mexico in the future. "Fifth—That the agreement so arrived at shall be written down in the form of a protocol or preliminary agreement, with the express declaration that same shall be embodied in a formal treaty between the two countries as soon as a Mexican Government is recognized."

"The further suggestions of the committee are that financial aid should be immediately extended to Mexico, preferably through a national loan from the United States to that country, and in sufficient amount to enable it to renege all its outstanding indebtedness to rehabilitate its railways."

"I may say to you, sir, that the latter suggestions, as to finance, etc., are of course merely in the way of suggestions offered by the committee, with the knowledge that Mexico has been seeking loans in the United States for years and that the present Government had, when the report was made, been continuing to seek loans through various American financial institutions and individuals."

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CZAR'S GEMS WORTH CENT EACH IN U. S.

182 'Crown Jewels' Seized on Liner Here Can Be Had for Just \$1.32.

AS GLASS, ARE BEAUTIFUL

Customs Men Who Expected Billion Dollar Haul. Get Rude Shock.

On the assumption there is nothing in the whole universe so utterly devoid of value as to be worth utterly nothing, experts of the United States Customs put a valuation of \$1.32 yesterday on 182 pieces of glass found in the cabin of a ship's surgeon, and concerning which the hue and cry first went up that here finally and at last were the famous and long lost crown jewels of the Romanoffs.

And in placing a price of \$1.32 on the lot the experts yesterday conceded that their judgment may have been based a bit, pleading at the same time that the habit of working for a government has a cumulative effect on a man's conscience, so that, willy nilly, he always gives dear old Uncle Sam a made the best of it. But as to the facts about the jewels:

Ever since the dynasty of the Russian Romanoffs went down in death and ruin there have been reports, rumors and earfuls current in the jewel markets of the world concerning the crown jewels of the Czars.

Of recent months something about them pops into the news with regularity which was once so remarkable in the man supposed to be in a Spanish dungeon, but though the world at large has come to smile about the Russian gems, the United States